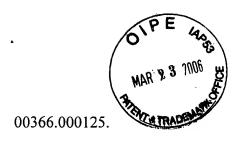
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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Yehdega Retta
MICHAEL MÜLLER	: )	Group Art Unit: 3622
Application No.: 09/810,395	:	
Filed: March 19, 2001	; )	
For: APPARATUS, METHOD AND	:	
PROGRAM FOR FORMULATING AND SOLVING PROBLEMS OVER A	:	
NETWORK	:	March 22, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006 Applicant provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, i.e., Claims 1-22 and 55-103 drawn to server for receiving information and distributing award, classified in class 705, subclass 14. Favorable consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby reserve the right to file and prosecute applications for the non-elected claims.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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